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## NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended May 14, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 30	Imperator .....	19	3	22	0
May 4	Bluefields .....	25	11	48	0

## PANAMA.

*Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels—Regulations with regard to passengers on fruit vessels—Mortality—Recurrence of yellow fever in Panama.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, May 1 and 4, as follows:

During the week ended May 3, 1905, 4 deaths were officially reported from the following-named causes: Tuberculosis, 1; neuritis, 1; asthma, 1; teething fever, 1.

In Colon no cases of yellow fever have been reported since April 6.

When I reported, on April 27, that thirty-one days had elapsed without a case in Panama, I had been without any official report from the sanitary department. The case reported on April 19 was not officially reported to me until May 2, when the other 3 cases were also reported. The origin of case No. 2 (official report) is not known, but the others, it is supposed, contracted the infection in the administration building of the Canal Commission in Panama. I am told that this building had been twice fumigated previously. After the feeling of confidence which became established during the past month this new outbreak in Panama has created some alarm among the public.

In Colon the sanitary force proceeds with the work of fumigation systematically and energetically. In this work sulphur is the principal agent used, though in some instances pyrethrum is substituted.

During the week ended April 29, 1905, the following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

Norwegian steamship *Ellis* for New Orleans, via Bocas del Toro, April 25, with 33 crew and 8 passengers.

British steamship *Senator* for New Orleans, via Mexican ports, April 26, with 40 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *Orizaba* for New York, March 27, with 68 crew and 76 passengers.

Upon request by cable of President Souchon, of the Louisiana State board of health, to fumigate vessels bound for New Orleans via Bocas del Toro, the Maritime Quarantine Service of the Isthmian Canal Commission fumigated the living quarters of the steamship *Ellis* prior to sailing. According to the regulations of the Louisiana State board of

health only such passengers will be allowed on the fruit vessels from Colon as are provided with a certificate from an authorized officer of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service that they have not been in a locality infected with yellow fever five days prior to embarkation. This will practically exclude all passengers from the Isthmus. In the case of the *Ellis*, 2 passengers from Panama with bona fide certificates of immunity were accepted for New Orleans and 3 for Bocas del Toro; the other three being passengers in transit aboard from New Orleans for Bocas del Toro.

### *Yellow fever in Panama.*

The following is received from the chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian Canal Commission under date of April 29:

Name, R. B. E.; age, 38; nationality, American; color, white; occupation, in charge of transportation at Culebra; residence, Mr. C.'s house for last 10 days; taken sick, April 17, 1905; reported, April 19, 1905; isolated, April 19, 1905; place of isolation, Ancon Hospital; diagnosis, yellow fever. During the last 10 days Mr. E. has not been working, and has spent many evenings at the Concordia House.

Name, M. O. J.; age, 29; nationality, American; color, white; occupation, architect; residence, Panama, Mr. W.'s house; length of time on Isthmus, 10 months; taken sick, April 25, 1905; reported, April 26, 1905; isolated, April 27, 1905; place of isolation, Ancon Hospital; diagnosis, yellow fever.

Name, D. W.; age, 35; nationality, English; color, white; occupation, pipe fitter; residence, Panama, New York Hotel; length of time in the Isthmus, 10 days; taken sick, April 24, 1905; reported, April 26, 1905; isolated, April 26, 1905; place of isolation, Ancon Hospital; diagnosis, yellow fever.

### *Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended April 29, 1905. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; number of deaths, 5; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Apr. 22	J. B. Camors .....	Colon.....		4	0	(a)
23	Hispania .....	Mobile .....	20	2	0	(a)
24	Herald .....	Colon.....		4	0	(a)
26	Preston.....	New Orleans .....	31	0	0	
27	Fort Gaines .....	Mobile .....	22	0	0	0

<sup>a</sup> Not inspected.